

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER MAZAK

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month I had the pleasure of attending Alexander Mazak's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Alex started his scouting career 10 years ago as a Tiger Cub Scout and worked his way all the way up to the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, which he named the "Remembrance Tree Project," he planted 40 trees at Reed's Organic Farm and Animal Rescue in Egg Harbor Township, South Jersey. Alex also built benches for the farm. In his free time, Alex plays the violin, has a black belt in karate, participates in CrossFit, and is working towards getting Scuba Diving certified. Alex should be proud of his many achievements, and it was my pleasure to attend his Eagle Scout ceremony. God Bless Alex, and God Bless our America.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION POST 79 ON ITS 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible Veterans Service Organization within my district on the centennial of its founding. The New Hope, Pennsylvania American Legion Post 79 will celebrate 100 years of service in 2023. The post is named after Private 2nd Class Edgar Denson who served in the 79th Infantry Division in the Great War. Private Denson was killed in the Meuse Argonne Offensive of 1918 and American Legion Post 79 has continued to honor his sacrifice and service through the years.

Since its founding in 1923, Post 79 has been a pillar in the community. Its members have served in every major United States conflict as well as taking part in numerous humanitarian and peace operations. Post 79 supports our community's Veterans through a myriad of programs and efforts. These include support for Wounded Warrior events, participation in the local County Veterans Court, sponsoring entertainment at the local county playhouse, and much more. The Post also helps to develop our youth by sponsoring Little League teams, scholarships at the high school level, and helping local Scouting programs. Additionally, American Legion Post 79 sends care packages to our community's forward deployed troops to remind them of our appreciation for their sacrifice.

I believe it is fitting that such an accomplished and storied organization makes its home just a few miles from the spot that Gen-

eral Washington crossed the Delaware River. The legacy of American Legion Post 79 carries on the patriotic spirit instilled into our country that fateful Christmas Eve, 1776. I am extremely grateful for the example and the impact that Post 79 has had on our community for the past century, and I look forward to the amazing achievements to come in the next 100 years.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MAE MOODY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mae Moody, a leader and pinnacle of the Knox County community, who passed away on October 17, 2022, at age 83.

Mae loved her community and dedicated much of her life to trying to make it better every day. She cared deeply about supporting leaders who would help East Tennessee thrive. Most often, she voted as a Republican, but she was more focused on supporting the best candidate no matter what. For her, each election was not a partisan issue, but a community issue.

Many community leaders honored Mae's life and passing. They talked about her compassion, integrity, honesty, and community advocacy which was apparent to everyone who knew her. She was described as a "community champion," a "neighborhood advocate," and a "virtuous leader."

Mae was incredibly dedicated to supporting our law enforcement and community safety. She taught thousands of children how to properly use 911 and served as a community organizer for the Knoxville Police Department. Mae also completed the Citizen Academies of the FBI, District Attorney, Knox County Sheriffs Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Fire Department to gain a better insight into how our law enforcement operates and how she could help them.

I want to extend my condolences to her husband Jack, her children Susan, Terry, and Chuck, her sister Carol, as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rest in peace Mae and I thank her for everything she has done for our community.

TRIBUTE TO DON WILLIAMS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to honor the lifelong achievements of my friend, Don Williams. Don was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and began his broadcasting career in the early 1980s. Ever

since then, his radio show has received top ratings from listeners across South Jersey. Over the years, Don has become a friend of mine and I enjoy frequently joining him on his radio show. In addition to being a popular radio host, Don has an abundance of other noteworthy career highlights. These highlights include broadcasting an announcement with Paul Harvey, interviewing Steve Wynn and James Kalstrom, meeting Rush Limbaugh, being inducted into the New Jersey Broadcasters Hall of Fame, becoming a member of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, and interviewing several Medal of Honor recipients. Don currently lives in Brigantine, South Jersey with his wife and two dogs. His radio show continues to play every Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Don should be proud of his broadcasting achievements and his contributions to the South Jersey community, and it is my pleasure to call him a friend of mine. God Bless Don, and God Bless our United States of America.

IN APPRECIATION OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MARLEY CASSELS FOR HER SERVICE ON MY STAFF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Lieutenant Commander Marley Cassels, U.S. Navy, upon her completion of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2022 calendar year, Lieutenant Commander Cassels quickly became an integral part of my legislative staff.

Lieutenant Commander Cassels' background as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer directly informed my work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness during a challenging time framed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and China's continued aggression on the world stage. Working closely with both my personal office and the Readiness Subcommittee staffs on the military's most pressing readiness challenges, her professionalism, positivity, and expertise helped to advance numerous legislative priorities.

Throughout the course of the year, she prepared me for important House Armed Services Committee Hearings, worked with constituents on pressing concerns, and championed legislative priorities dealing with California's Third Congressional District, military readiness, and the maritime industry. The ultimate team-player, she always looked for ways to contribute. There is no doubt her efforts helped to secure a range of priorities within the House passed H.R. 7900, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023". She made a lasting impact and will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service.

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Lieutenant Commander Cassels received a naval commission from the U.S. Naval Academy, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in English. She later earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. Lieutenant Commander Cassels' operational assignments have included service aboard the USS *Laboon* (DDG 58), USS *Mustin* (DDG 89), and USS *Lake Erie* (CG 70). During her service, she has completed a Sixth Fleet deployment, a Seventh Fleet patrol, and a shipyard overall and modernization. She also served as the flag aide to the Commander of Navy Recruiting Command.

Her extensive expertise, work ethic, and problem-solving skills were critical to my work ensuring that our military is ready when needed. While Lieutenant Commander Cassels will be missed by Team Garamendi, the U.S. Navy is lucky to have her in its ranks and we are excited for all her future successes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional District and a grateful country, I wish her fair winds and following seas and extend our deepest appreciation for her dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING THE MOTOR MACHINIST MATE 1ST CLASS (RETIRED) RICHARD EVERETT MARTIN UPON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Retired Motor Machinists Mate 1st Class (MM) Richard Everett Martin on this most auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday.

Growing up in the York Area, MM Martin attended William Penn High School, where he took a machinery and cabinet making course, while holding a job at Weaver Piano company. He split his months during his final high school year, between the factory and school, developing his love of machinery and honest labor.

After high school, MM Martin felt a call to serve and use his newfound passion, enlisting in the Navy Reserve in 1942 at the age of 19. Studying at the University of Missouri, as well as traveling to Norfolk and New York City, he completed his training and education to become a Motor Machinist's mate 1st class. He was assigned to the USS *LST-325*, a landing ship for amphibious assaults.

MM Martin was deployed to North Africa, where he would spend one (1) year training along the coast, before taking part in the invasion of Sicily. After a successful landing, during which MM Martin would receive The Purple Heart, the USS *LST-325* was deployed to Great Britain to take part in D-Day, where MM Martin, along with thousands of Allied Soldiers, bravely served.

MM Martin is the last surviving member of the original crew of the USS *LST-325*. His story stands as a testimony to true courage, bravery, and service. His service to our Nation reflects great credit not just upon himself, but also upon the Navy Reserve, as well as all those who served in World War II. As he continues to stand as an icon of selflessness, I wish him many more years of happiness and health.

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK MILLER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the achievements of Sheriff Charles Miller. Sheriff Miller began his career in law enforcement as a patrolman for the Salem City Police Department in 1979. Then, in 1984, he was hired as an Investigator in the Salem County Prosecutor's Office. Sheriff Miller worked through the ranks at the Salem County Prosecutor's Office to become the Chief of County Detectives. After this, he retired from the Prosecutor's Office and accepted a position as a Security Domestic Planner with the Salem County Department of Homeland Security. Chuck stayed in this role until he was elected to be the sheriff of Salem County in 2006. He is currently serving his fourth term as Sheriff. During his tenure, Sheriff Miller has broadened leadership roles and developed new initiatives at the Salem County Police Department. Additionally, he has been an advocate for protecting the quality of life for seniors in Salem County, South Jersey. Sheriff Miller should be proud of his contributions to the South Jersey community, and it is my honor to have the opportunity to acknowledge his success. God bless Sheriff Miller, and God bless our United States of America.

HONORING RACHEL RUNFOLA

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor a woman who has served Tulsa veterans with care and compassion for years. Rachel Runfola is a champion for Oklahoma veterans. She works tirelessly to help the men and women who have faithfully served our country. She is an invaluable asset, not only to our veterans, but to all of Oklahoma.

Thanks to Rachel's leadership with Tulsa's Support Services for Veteran Families, our veterans have access to safe housing, and the support they need to maintain it.

SSVF works to help local veterans who are homeless, experiencing a housing crisis, or facing eviction within 21 days. SSVF covers 42 counties and is planning to help over 800 families every year.

Our veterans deserve the very best we have to offer, and I know Rachel gives them exactly that.

I thank Rachel and the entire SSVF team for what they do every day to give our community's veterans a better life. It does not go unnoticed.

NOVEMBER CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH, MASTER SERGEANT RUDY MORENO

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Master Ser-

geant Rudy Moreno, United States Air Force (Retired) as my November Constituent of the Month. Master Sergeant Moreno is a retired combat engineer who served in the United States Air Force for 20 years and has gone above and beyond to enrich our community.

After retiring from the Air Force in 2013, Master Sergeant Moreno returned to our community and began working as an Engineering Technician at Camp Pendleton. However, his service to our region does not end there. In 2017, he founded Helping Everyone Reach Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Inc., a non-profit to instill discipline, encouragement, and accountability in at-risk youth through boxing and fitness. The program offers a safe and positive training environment for people ages 10 to mid-20s who are at risk of joining gangs or doing drugs. When the program's usual training space in Vista was no longer available due to the pandemic, Master Sergeant Moreno decided to create a boxing gym in his backyard so he could continue improving participants' mental and physical health.

During Veterans and Military Families Month, I am proud to honor an esteemed veteran like Master Sergeant Moreno, who bravely served our country and continues to contribute to our unique and beautiful district. His expansive military background and passion to improve the lives of others is honorable and it is why I am proud to honor Master Sergeant Rudy Moreno, United States Air Force (Retired) as my November Constituent of the Month.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR MAYA TROUPE, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Maya Troupe for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow for my office from 1 January through 31 December 2020.

MAJ Troupe distinguished herself by serving in a broad range of assignments during her Army career. In her assignment as the Defense Fellow in my office, MAJ Troupe served as the lead on the defense portfolio and assisted with MILCON/VA and Foreign Operations. She provided insight on national security and Veterans Affairs priorities impacting over 50,000 military and veteran-related constituents and the defense industry in Northern Ohio.

MAJ Troupe transitioned to the Congressional Budget Liaison (BUL) for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management as an Army budget liaison. In this role, she served as BUL Forward Liaison as the Army's direct budget lead for communicating strategic initiatives and requirements with House Appropriations Committee Members of Congress and professional staff, ensuring seamless synchronization of efforts. She served in this position from 1 January 2021 to 1 December 2022.

In her previous assignment, MAJ Troupe served as the Executive Officer to the Office of the Chief (OCAR), Army Reserve, G-1. Following her XO position, MAJ Troupe did a

short assignment in the OCAR Legislative Affairs Division, managing the personnel portfolio in preparation for the Chief of Army Reserve's Posture hearing. MAJ Troupe's previous positions include Deputy, G-1 for the 335th Signal Command (Provisional). In this capacity, she oversaw personnel management and accountability for the command's Active and Reserve personnel throughout Southwest Asia. As a Reserve Officer, MAJ Troupe served as a Department of Defense civilian employee and the 92nd Chemical Battalion Detachment Commander under the 335th Signal Command. She initiated the 335th Signal Command's Yellow Ribbon Program in her civilian capacity. The program prepared soldiers and families for deployment and ensured smooth transition and reintegration upon the soldier's return. As detachment commander, MAJ Troupe provided training and personnel readiness for the Battalion to support their Homeland Defense Mission.

MAJ Troupe hails from the Midwest, a St. Louis, MO native. She received her commission from the Georgia Institute of Technology as an Adjutant General officer after completing a bachelor's degree in psychology from Georgia State University. She also earned a master's degree in legislative affairs from the George Washington University and a master of science in management in healthcare administration from Troy University.

MAJ Troupe contributes her motivation and dedication to the honorable sacrifice exemplified by her father, Calvin Walter Troupe Sr., who served in Vietnam, and her mother, Rochelle Louise Ballinger. The latter provides unwavering support to her career. She aspires to set the same example for her children, Kylen Jay Krueger and Kaleigh Jae Krueger.

MAJ Troupe has positively impacted servicemembers, veterans, families, and leaders throughout her career. Our country has benefited tremendously from her extraordinary leadership, innovative ideas, and commitment to service. I join my colleagues today in honoring her dedication to our Nation and invaluable service to the United States Congress as an Army Congressional Liaison.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with MAJ Maya Troupe over this past year, especially during one of the most memorable years our Congress has faced. On behalf of a grateful nation, this body recognizes and commends Maya for her steadfast service to our country. We wish her the best as she continues serving in the United States Army.

TRIBUTE TO KYLE MAINS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of attending Kyle Mains' Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Kyle started his scouting career at 8 years old as a Cub Scout. Then, at 11 years old, he became a Boy Scout until he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout this year. During his time as a scout, Kyle has never missed a weekly scouting meeting or any of the scout's monthly camping trips. He truly demonstrates the scouting ideals of "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, and

friendly." Currently, Kyle attends Rowan University where he studies computer science. Kyle should be proud of his scouting accomplishments, and it was my honor to attend his Eagle Scout award ceremony. God Bless Kyle, and God Bless our America.

RECOGNIZING CASEY LEE AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Casey Lee for her service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Casey came to the Committee after first working on AAPI civil rights and housing issues for Congressman Ted Lieu through a fellowship with APAICS. Casey received her B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Casey joined the Committee in 2022 as a Staff Assistant for the Full Committee. As Staff Assistant, Casey supported the full committee's senior staff and me directly. A core part of my administrative team, Casey acted as assistant clerk during hearings and markups and oversaw the committee's internship program. When other full committee administrative staff and subcommittee legislative aides/assistant clerks left their positions, Casey seamlessly assumed their duties in addition to her own and worked diligently to support the Staff Director, two Deputy Staff Directors, and multiple subcommittee counsels for all their research and administrative needs. This included helping compile the Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law subcommittee activity report for the 117th Congress and helping manage cosponsorship requests for immigration legislation.

Casey worked with our Member Services, Communications, and Digital Directors to highlight committee accomplishments for the 117th Congress and draft social media posts. She also created graphics and videos for the Respect for Marriage Act, the Assault Weapons Ban Act, and more.

Casey was also a founding member of the committee's first diversity, equity, and inclusion working group to facilitate trainings, plan initiatives, enhance our recruitment, and be a resource to other staff on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Throughout all her work, Casey brought her tireless worth ethic and commitment to excellence. Our Committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from her service.

While we are sad to see Casey go and she will certainly be missed, we are happy that she will continue to serve the public interest as a policy advisor for the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

We thank Casey for her service to the Committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

CELEBRATING SHERIFF GREG AHERN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern after 33 years of service to Alameda County.

Greg graduated from Saint Mary's College with a degree in Economics and Business Administration and from the National Academy at the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Greg joined the Alameda County Sheriffs Department in 1980 and was promoted to sergeant at the age of 28. He has served as Sheriff since 2007, where his leadership led to the implementation of many new programs that serve the community.

Greg developed an Urban Shield tactical training exercise, which was the first of its kind in the nation, and was replicated by other cities throughout the nation. After the Boston Marathon bombing, Boston Police credited Greg's urban Shield exercise with bringing the bombers to Justice.

In addition, as Sheriff, Greg supported the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs Activities League (DSAL)'s staff in their creation and expansion of athletic programming for youth, re-entry internships, and work to address food equity in Alameda County. The DSAL boxing and soccer leagues are known county-wide, and Dig Deep Farms, founded in 2010 under Greg's leadership, is not only providing internship opportunities to increase job training opportunities for the recently incarcerated, but also makes deliveries of fresh produce for patients of public health clinics in need of healthy food.

He also organized and implemented a Tri-Valley Substation for additional patrol and community policing coverage for the rural eastern part of Alameda County and increased staffing, participation and grant funding for the Narcotics Task Force, interoperable communications, training, and DNA cold case investigations. Furthermore, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Greg managed various departments as the Director of Emergency Services for Alameda County, overseeing housing, testing, vaccination, hospitalizations, supplies and providing emergency workers.

Under Greg's leadership, the Alameda County Sheriffs Office is better equipped, has become more technologically advanced, and is better prepared to manage large-scale emergencies.

Greg helped create a professional culture with well-trained staff that treats the community with dignity and respect. I thank Greg for his career of serving and protecting Alameda County, in addition to his wife, Kathleen, who supported him throughout his service. I wish him and his family the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO GWYN M. PARRIS- ATWELL

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the

Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Gwyn Parris-Atwell of Alloway, South Jersey was honored for her 21 years of service in the United States Air Force, where she earned the rank of colonel. During her time in the Air Force, she bravely served in Iraq. Gwyn earned many awards in the military including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. In addition to her military career, she also has experience as a professional nurse and served on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Emergency Nurses Association. I want to thank Gwyn for her heroic service to our country, and it was my honor to attend the Veterans Dinner. God Bless Gwyn, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF COMMISSIONER
DICK HALL

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the life of former Mississippi Transportation Commissioner, Dick Hall. Commissioner Hall committed his life to the service of his fellow man through a long and distinguished career, and I rise today to recognize him as a dedicated leader whose example will continue to inspire many who wish to make the world around them a better place for their neighbors, friends, and family.

As a transportation commissioner for the State of Mississippi for over 20 years, Commissioner Hall was an outspoken advocate for providing additional revenue to improve Mississippi's infrastructure system. Before being elected to this post, Commissioner Hall served for three terms in the Mississippi Senate and three terms in the Mississippi House of Representatives, representing my home county of Rankin in the State Legislature throughout a noteworthy career. Commissioner Hall also served our country as a Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Commissioner Hall was fond of saying, "We're not just building a transportation system. We're building an economy," which was a quip that was born out in the many projects he spearheaded. He oversaw the opening of the U.S. Highway 82 Mississippi River Bridge; the widening of Lakeland Drive in Jackson; the Highway 463 Single Point Urban Interchange project in Madison; two phases of the STACK interchange connecting Jackson, Pearl, and Brandon; projects throughout the Metro Jackson area from Canton to Crystal Springs; the Nissan Parkway; and countless rehabilitation projects throughout Mississippi's Central District. Commissioner Hall's tireless effort was vital in creating a modern infrastructure system and a strong Mississippi economy that has created better lives for those who call our state home.

For his numerous accomplishments and industrious spirit, Commissioner Hall received many accolades and awards, including the Hugh L. White Free Enterprise Award, the Friend of Education Award, Conservation Leg-

islator of the Year, and Alumnus of the Year by the Mid-Mississippi Chapter of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association.

Commissioner Hall was an extraordinary person who will be remembered by those who had the pleasure of meeting him or working alongside him. His legacy of a deep respect and dedication to our state will endure.

It is my honor to recognize the life of Commissioner Dick Hall for the many contributions he made to our state and our Nation, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing his service and commitment to Mississippi and to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MRS. KELLY
SANTORO

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Warden Kelly Santoro for her 30 years of service to the Central Valley community and congratulate her on her well-earned retirement.

Just like many in her family before her, Mrs. Santoro knew she wanted to dedicate her career to serving the state of California. She began her career in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in 1993 as a correctional officer at Centinela State Prison. Throughout her decorated career, she held crucial positions in the California Prison system ranging from Correctional Counselor to Associate Warden.

In 2012, Mrs. Santoro was named the Chief Deputy Warden of the Wasco State Prison Reception Center. In this role, she displayed incredible professionalism and competence as she oversaw over 5,000 inmates and nearly 1,500 members of staff. Her work in running the day-to-day in this role impressed her colleagues and would lead her to be named the acting Warden of the North Kern State Prison in 2015. In August of 2016, she would officially be named Warden of North Kern State Prison—a role she held until her retirement this year.

Not only has Mrs. Santoro served her community through the State's Correctional Department, but she has also been a leader in the Central Valley through her philanthropic work. She and the North Kern State Prison raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Women's Shelter, and many others. For 30 years, Mrs. Santoro has been an incredible example of the dedication, professionalism, and selflessness that encompass the values of the Central Valley community.

I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mrs. Kelly Marie Santoro for her 30 years of service to our community and congratulate her on a well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING RESOLUTION 181
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today marks the 75th anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly vote on Resolution 181, also known as the partition plan. The resolution supported the creation of two independent states from Palestine, one Arab and one Jewish, at the end of the British Mandate.

The adoption of this resolution laid the foundation for the creation of the modern Jewish State of Israel.

The passage of the resolution came with strong U.S. leadership in helping garner the support necessary for its advancement, including from President Harry Truman who told the U.S. delegation to the U.N. to quote, "get busy and get all the votes you can."

Members of this body, like Representative Sol Bloom, a former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, also played a key role, reaching out to foreign nations and encouraging them to support the plan.

The plan was not everything Jewish leaders wanted. It left Jerusalem outside of what would become Israel. But nonetheless, it was proudly accepted by the Jewish Agency and Zionist groups, while the Arab League and Palestinian leaders rejected this plan.

I especially appreciate that today the United States fully recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. On May 14, 2018, I led the House delegation for the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem with Ambassador David Friedman, welcomed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The re-location of the Embassy was the fulfillment of "promises made, promises kept" by President Donald Trump. Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM led the Senate Delegation.

Since that day, Palestinian rejectionism continues to limit the opportunity for peace. The Palestinians did not support a Palestinian state in 1947 because it would have meant accepting a Jewish state. To this day there are far too many Palestinians that refuse to accept Israel's right to exist and live in peace and security.

As the ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism, Co-Chairman of the House Republican Israel Caucus, and a veteran supporter of our democratic ally Israel, I am grateful to mark this historic 75th anniversary of the UN Partition Plan vote with a strong commitment to the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Since its creation, the United States supported the Jewish State with bipartisan support from Congress, working to build a strong security, intelligence and defense relationship enshrined by shared values and mutually strategic interests. The United States Congress has worked to support our ally with annual security assistance, defense cooperation, and an emerging relationship in key areas including agriculture, hi-tech and homeland security.

Both our countries are committed to democracy and justice, and we continue to look for new ways to integrate Israel into the region, such as support for the historic Abraham Accords that normalized ties between Israel and

our Arab allies, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan. Unlike the Palestinian leadership, I am encouraged to see these Arab nations suspend their continued rejection of Israel and work to integrate it into the region.

While we continue to see the UN's deplorable efforts to isolate, condemn and excessively attack Israel, I celebrate one of the few positive things it has done in the Middle East—the historic 75th anniversary of the UN Partition Plan vote, guided by strong U.S. leadership.

May the U.S.-Israel relationship continue to flourish for the next 75 years and beyond, and may we continue to promote our shared interests supporting democracy, peace, and co-operation throughout the region.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK P. HOFACKER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Frank Hofacker was honored for his service to our nation in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969. He was ranked as a sergeant and received many awards and decorations for his exemplary service. Frank earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He also was honored with the Bronze Star Medal, which is a decoration for heroic achievement and heroic service, as well as meritorious achievement and service in a combat zone. I want to personally thank Frank for his brave service to our great nation and it was truly an honor to attend the Veterans Dinner honoring him. God Bless Frank, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE VSC LUNAR ALLIANCE AND FOUNDER DAVID H. VAN DE VELDE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize VSC Lunar Alliance and Founder David H. van de Velde of The Villages, Florida, along with the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club for their Pledge Not to Bully Movement.

The Pledge Against Bullying Program was established in 2018 with the Interact Club at Leesburg High School with Principal Michael Randolph and has influenced numerous teenagers to make the Pledge. The VSC Lunar Alliance has drawn interest to the Pledge Against Bullying Program by allowing the participants to be a part of an exciting night program.

Moon Mission No. 1 is the first space rocket mission of VSC Lunar Alliance in a series of three missions. VSC Lunar Alliance has arranged to have a micro-SD card placed in a capsule aboard a space rocket ship at Space

Port America in New Mexico. Students have their pledges, pictures, and essays on the micro-SD card along with memorabilia from the Leesburg Rotary Club and community organization. Moon Mission No. 1 is a test flight scheduled to launch November 30th and will go into space and return to the Earth.

Moon Mission No. 2 and Moon Mission No. 3 are scheduled for 2023. Moon Mission No. 2 will launch from the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral in Florida. Moon Mission No. 2 will also carry the capsule with the micro-SD card and this time will remain on the moon. VSC Lunar Alliance and the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club will be the first to place the Leesburg High School students and participants of the Pledge Against Bullying Program on the moon along with the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club.

Founder David H. van de Velde has personally monetarily invested in support of this program to join in the three space rocket ship launches. David H. van de Velde has a vast knowledge and experience in space technology. As part owner of Quality Materials Inspection in Southern California from 1988 to 1990, Mr. van de Velde began his great interest in space technology.

I am honored to recognize Mr. van de Velde for his passion for space science and his love for children and their success. It is commendable that through Mr. van de Velde's vision and the Leesburg Noon Rotary Club students can choose not to bully through the participation and education of science space technology.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND FRANK E. WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a devoted preacher, trusted funeral director, and beloved community leader, Reverend Frank E. Williams, Jr. Affectionately known as Frank, Jr., Rev. Williams transitioned on October 12, 2022, in his hometown of Sumter, South Carolina. His lifelong commitment to his community was deeply felt and will be sorely missed.

Reverend Frank E. Williams, Jr. was born on October 8, 1952, in Sumter, South Carolina to the late Reverend Frank E. Williams, Sr. and Magnolia Robinson Williams. He attended public schools in Sumter County before pursuing a bachelor's degree in Sociology at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. He later attended the Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was a member of the National Morticians Fraternity, Pi Sigma Eta. He graduated in 1976 with a diploma in Funeral Service Sciences.

Frank, Jr. returned to Sumter to begin work at his family's funeral home. He became the youngest funeral director and embalmer in Sumter, South Carolina. Throughout the next 46 years, he would touch the lives of hundreds of families in this role as he guided them through some of their most difficult times.

Rev. Williams, a Godfearing man, recognized his calling to preach the gospel during his membership at Rafting Creek Missionary

Baptist Church. He received his license to preach on June 8, 2003 and was ordained on May 30, 2004. Shortly thereafter, he founded Faith Missionary Baptist Church, which he faithfully pastored until his health declined.

I knew Frank, Jr. well through his civic endeavors throughout the Sumter community, the state of South Carolina and beyond. At one time he was the youngest person to serve on the Sumter County Council representing District 5, a position which he held honorably for 12 years. He spearheaded the effort to erect a statue in honor of Dr. Luns C. Richardson of Morris College, who became the longest-serving college President in South Carolina. The statue was erected on Morris College's campus in 2021.

Throughout his life, Frank, Jr. was an active member of several social organizations. He was 33 Grand Inspector General of the C.C. Johnson Consistory No. 136 and served as Worshipful Master of Catchall Masonic Lodge No. 425. He was also a lifelong member of the NAACP and participated in several civil rights actions, including the 1995 "Million Man March" in Washington, D.C.

Frank, Jr. is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mrs. Thoma Lewis Williams and 4 children, Marcus Evans, M. Brooke Williams, Frank E. Williams, III, and Thomas Wesley Williams, and 2 grandchildren, Nova Imani Williams, and Malik Rivers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the remarkable life led by Reverend Frank E. Williams, Jr. His work as a minister, funeral director and county council member cemented him in the bedrock of his community. He has left an indelible mark on those around him and was an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO CORDELL CARR

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Cordell Carr was honored. Cordell served in the United States Marine Corps from September of 1967 to September of 1969. During his service, he earned the rank of Corporal within the Marine Corps. Cordell also was awarded numerous medals and badges in honor of his heroic service. These awards include the National Defense Service Medal, the Rifle Expert Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Cordell should be proud of his military achievements and brave service to our nation, and I want to sincerely thank him for all he has done to keep our country safe. God Bless Cordell, and God Bless America.

HONORING WARREN C. DOCKUM

HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the work of a group of

veterans from Pueblo, Colorado for their act of service restoring the grave of a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, Warren C. Dockum. Pueblo is the "Home of Heroes," and it is only proper that it should honor Warren C. Dockum, the only known Medal of Honor recipient buried in this great American city.

Warren C. Dockum earned the Medal of Honor during the Civil War at the Battle of Saylor's Creek where he showed exemplary bravery in service of the Union. After two other soldiers were killed, Dockum charged forward and captured a key position. Dockum was recognized for his heroism and received the Medal of Honor from President Andrew Johnson who assumed office after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The Medal of Honor is the United States' highest award for military valor in action. While over 150 years have passed since the Medal of Honor's inception, the meaning behind the Medal has never been tarnished or diminished. A distinguished award presented only to the most deserving, the Medal of Honor tells a story of its own. Etched into the history of the Medal of Honor are the values that each recipient has displayed: bravery, courage, sacrifice, integrity, a deep love of country, and a desire to always do what is right.

The Medal of Honor reminds us that freedom isn't free. It's bought by patriots who pay the ultimate price. It reminds us to love our country and to remember that united we stand but divided we fall.

After the Civil War, Dockum eventually moved to Colorado and lived near Pueblo for the rest of his life. To honor this American hero's place of rest in Pueblo, local veterans volunteered to restore his gravesite. I thank the veterans in Pueblo for their magnificent work honoring Warren C. Dockum and highlighting yet another hometown hero who is associated with Pueblo's long and storied history of patriotism.

HONORING DR. CHARLES E. ANDERSON, SR. AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Charles E. Anderson, Sr. is the Senior Pastor and Founder of Trinity Church—one church in several locations. Dr. Anderson has served over 25 years in pastoral ministry and has had the opportunity to serve in various capacities in the International, National, State, and Local arenas. He is the President of Unity in the Community in Haines City, Florida, which is a group of local pastors, local businesses, and community leaders who work together to promote unity in the Haines City community and other surrounding areas throughout Polk County. UIC promotes and develops economic empowerment for businesses and fosters positive relationships between city government, law enforcement, and citizens.

Through Dr. Anderson's leadership, UIC and Trinity Church have championed several annual community projects and programs such as hosting a testing site for COVID-19 vaccines, a community feeding program, con-

structing affordable housing in the East Polk County area, a work readiness program that educates youth and prepares them for success, a back-to-school bash which continues to serve more than 2,000 families with backpacks and school supplies, and a Miracle Christmas serving over 250 families with bicycles, toys, and gift cards.

Dr. Anderson serves on the Central Florida Health Care Board of Directors where he provides guidance for policies and strategic development. He also serves on the Advent Health Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Council. Dr. Anderson has also worked with the State Attorney's office of the 10th Judicial Circuit to host several expungement seminars to allow citizens with criminal records to be sealed or expunged and live more productive lives.

Dr. Anderson received his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, a Master of Theological Studies, and a Doctor of Divinity from Logos University Christian College in Jacksonville. He also received a second Master of Ministry from Warner University in Lake Wales. Dr. Anderson has been married to Dr. Judith F. Anderson for the past 42 years. He has two sons, Charles II (Shaelis) and Javier (Chassidee), nine grandchildren, and two great-grandkids.

HONORING JOE MOTTLOW

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the story of a fellow Minnesotan, Joe Mottlow.

On Wednesday June 14, 2017, Joe, (aka-JoeJoe Tough as he's become known since his battle began), was admitted to the hospital with an enlarged spleen. Within the next few days Joe, a previously healthy 35-year-old, learned he had a type of leukemia called ALL (b-cell) IGH which carried with it a measly 15 percent two-year survival rate for adults.

While he and his mom sat stunned after the doctor left the room, Joe said, "great news about Mark and Natalie!" That morning his cousin and wife announced they were pregnant with their first child. Joe's mom began to cry and Joe just consoled her saying, "let's just have fun with this." That's Joe. Always thinking about those he loves.

This was the beginning of a 5½ year rolling coaster ride full of laughs, fears, cries and camaraderie—a ride that still continues. Joe, a guy who has never met a stranger, is a different kind of fellow. The most unaverage average Joe you will ever meet—and if you do meet him, know this, he'll never forget YOU. Because not only will you learn his story, he'll learn your story as well.

Originally it was thought a bone marrow transplant was going to be his cure. Thankfully Joe's brother was a 100 percent match and the transplant seemed to do the trick and cure Joe. Unfortunately, this dreaded pest not only came back, but continued to come back 5 more times. Having a nearly incurable type of leukemia for an adult, Joe has willingly been a trailblazer, trying out new treatments and old treatments used in new ways, to help not only try to cure him, but hopefully open up the door

to curing many others. Joe has endured a grueling chemo regiment, two different newer immunotherapy treatments, an experimental CAR-T trial that brought him out to Seattle, another bone marrow transplant and yet another CAR-T trial right in our own backyard at the University of MN. Joe was only the 21st person to attempt this particular type of cure. This one worked for over a year, but this summer Joe learned the beast was back and his time was short. He was told that modern medicine could only hope to promise him three to six months. Joe's bucket list is now the priority—a list filled with connections to others.

Early on in this journey, his Aunt Allison took Joe to the clinic and observed that cancer does not discriminate. Looking around the waiting room there were rich and poor, young and old. If it wants you, it gets you. She also watched Joe connecting with those in the waiting room. So many stories have been told about Joe helping other patients get through their cancer nightmares. Get up. Get dressed. Smile. Live.

Joe's smile and inspiration have not gone unnoticed. Joe's doctors let the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society know about this amazing guy their patients kept talking about. How this guy just started talking to them while they sat in the clinic, full of anxiety and sadness, and the next thing they knew they are laughing, talking the uncomfortable conversations of their cancer journey, and finding camaraderie. Joe has started group outings and text chains bringing cancer warriors together to support and love one another. These groups brought diverse unlikely people together and have made all their lives richer for having cancer and learning to dig deep to find friendship and grace in the process.

Accolades have come Joe's way. The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society nominated Joe for "Man of the Year" 2020, and recently honored him with their prized "Lifetime Achievement" award. One of Joe's clinic buddies wanted to thank the U of M for saving his life, but realized science was only part of his success. This buddy felt JoeJoe Tough gave him the fight and positivity that pushed him over the finish line and is now working with the U to develop a virtual workout motivational program that will soon be available to patients. When completed, it will be named in Joe's honor.

Accolades are wonderful, but it's the love and support Joe has received from his army of JoeJoe Toughens that has humbled and inspired him. Who has over 2000 friends? Friends, not donors, wanting something from you—but ride or die type friends? Joe does. Why? Because he is "that" friend we all want and is so hard to find. Joe listens and hears others, and that is what makes Joe an unaverage average Joe.

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE T. CARTER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Wayne T. Carter was honored for his 21 years of service in the United States Army, where he earned the rank

of Sergeant First Class. He earned six impressive decorations during his 21 years of military service. Wayne earned the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Republic Vietnam Medal, and Meritorious Unit Citation. He performed outstanding service in warlike operations and should serve as a role model to many young men and women in South Jersey who hope to serve our country in the Army. I want to sincerely thank Wayne for his exemplary service to our nation, and it was my pleasure to attend the Veterans Dinner honoring him. God Bless Wayne, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING GERMAIN HARDEN'S REMARKABLE CAREER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Germain Harden and her remarkable 42-year career.

Germain has dedicated her career to safety, health training, education, and advocacy for workers. For the last decade, she has served as the executive director of WNYCOSH.

Before beginning her career at WNYCOSH, Germain studied at the University of Buffalo. She worked as an editor of the Humanist Magazine at the Center of Inquiry, and she would go on to enroll in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Labor Studies program, where she took several courses on collective bargaining, labor history, and mediation. Germain worked as a certified mediator and volunteered in numerous community mediation cases.

In 1978 and 1979, Germain participated with Cornell Extension staff and other labor activists in the formation of what would become the WNY Council on Occupational Safety & Health. She helped organize the first kick-off event of WNYCOSH at a winter safety and health conference, which drew over 300 labor union participants. Germain took an official staff position at WNYCOSH in 1979 and was instrumental in creating safety and health training under OSHA's New Direction grant program.

In 1980, she also worked on advocating for the Right-to-Know legislation, which would become the nation's first law in the country to require employers to provide workers with information on the chemicals they were working with and protective measures to reduce or eliminate hazardous exposures. Throughout the 1980s, Germain organized safety workshops and seminars.

Germain served as WNYCOSH Program Director from 1986 until 2012. Germain wrote all WNYCOSH grants, including the annual contributions, and organized worker training which regularly draws 6,000 participants each year. Her work as Executive Director allowed WNYCOSH to continue its significant presence in the Buffalo area.

Germain's career was focused on bettering the lives of workers in our community, and I will always be grateful to her for those efforts. On behalf of countless workers, I sincerely thank Germain Harden for being a dedicated community leader, advocate, and vital player in Western New York for over four decades.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for Roll Call vote No. 482, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3369, I would have voted Yea. For Roll Call vote No. 483, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 4359, I would have voted Yea. For Roll Call vote No. 484, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2250, I would have voted Yea. For Roll Call vote No. 485, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3630, I would have voted Yea.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR. ASA HARDISON

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Asa Hardison. Mr. Hardison served his community, state, and Nation and set an example for those who work to make the world around them a better place.

Mr. Hardison served the United States of America in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. Following his service, he returned to the United States of America where he and his wife, Ruth Hardison, raised two daughters. As a civilian, Mr. Hardison served as Senior Vice President for Georgia Pacific and, in his free time, could often be found playing golf or tennis. Later in life, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

It is my honor to recognize the life of Mr. Asa Hardison for his service to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL E. HOPKINS, JR.

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Paul E. Hopkins, Jr. was honored for his service to our country in the United States Navy from May of 1969 to January of 1971. He earned the rank of Quarter Master 3rd class during his time in the Navy. Paul was decorated with three noteworthy medals including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He should be very proud of his selfless devotion to the United States Navy, and I want to thank him sincerely for his service to our great nation, God Bless Paul, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING

WILLIAM
BRECKENRIDGE "BRECK" BOW-
DEN FOR HIS LONGTIME SERV-
ICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY
COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Breckenridge Bowden, the Director of the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute, for his years of service to protecting our lakes and native aquatic life.

Since 2012, Dr. Bowden has served as the Director of the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute. Under his leadership, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant has grown and was even awarded institute status in 2018. This redesignation came with a 150 percent increase in its base budget in federal support for research, outreach, and education to improve the environment and economy in the Lake Champlain Basin. Thanks to Dr. Bowden's leadership, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant earned the institute designation for demonstrating excellence in research, education, and public service dedicated to environmental responsibility and outreach. Dr. Bowden was instrumental in getting the program to the level necessary to receive this prestigious designation, which has allowed the Institute to expand its educational outreach program to New York State schools and has increased support for combatting invasive species.

Founded in 1999, the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Institute aims to raise awareness to benefit the environmental health of Lake Champlain, Lake George, and their respective watersheds, and encourage sustainable economic development. Dr. Bowden has led the Institute in building resilient communities and economies in the Lake Champlain basin, improving environmental literacy, and promoting healthy coastal ecosystems.

Dr. Bowden has committed his life to educating the next generation on environmental sustainability and is currently a professor in Watershed Science and Planning in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Dr. Bowden for his contributions to the Lake Champlain basin and congratulate him on his retirement. I wish him well in this next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO LAVEL NORMAN DAVIS, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brilliant student and gifted athlete. Lavel Norman Davis, Jr., affectionately known as Tyler, was called too soon to his heavenly home on November 13, 2022, in Charlottesville, Virginia. Although he is no longer with us, memory of his unbreakable spirit will remain a beacon for all who knew him.

Tyler Davis was born on January 7, 2002, in Ridgeville, South Carolina to Thaddeus Lavel

Davis and Fallom Simone Davis. Tyler attended Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary, Clay Hill Elementary, Harleyville-Ridgeville Middle School and Woodland High School in Dorchester, South Carolina. Throughout his primary education, Tyler established his excellence both on and off the field. He maintained a 3.577 GPA, A-B Honor Roll status, and concurrently earned certification as a Nursing Assistant through the Dorchester County Career School. Tyler was also a dedicated multi-sport athlete, playing football, soccer, basketball, and running track. Tyler graduated from Woodland in June of 2020.

After receiving several football scholarship offers, Tyler selected the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in order to benefit from both their rigorous academic and athletic programs. He immediately rose to the occasion and would finish his freshman season ranked second in the nation and first in the ACC for wide receivers. Even after suffering a knee injury that sidelined him for his sophomore season, he remained a force of inspiration and motivation to his teammates. He was anticipated to graduate in December of 2023 with a bachelor's degree in African American Studies, after which he aspired to play football professionally and give back to the community by opening a local Boys and Girls Club.

As a giant on the field, Tyler was recognized with several athletic honors. After just his first game with the Cavaliers, he was named the ACC's "Receiver of the Week." Tyler was an All-American and became two-time "Rookie of the Year." His persistent leadership throughout his athletic injury in 2021 earned him the 2022–2023 Danny Lee Fassio

Family Bicentennial Scholarship. He was also nominated by the College Sports Communicators, the Associated Press, and the Fiesta Bowl Organization to the "Come Back Player of the Year" Watch List for the 2022 season, as he was projected to thrive in his return from his injury. His high school jersey, #13, was also retired in his honor.

Tyler was an active member of several social organizations. In high school, he was a proud member of the National Technical Honor Society and the Athletics Leading in Literacy (ALL) Program. He used his Nursing Assistant certification to volunteer with the elderly in his community. In college, Tyler was a participant of the UVA Football Thursday's Heroes Program, which supports local residents who are facing medical challenges. He was also an exemplary member of the "Groundskeepers," a group of fellow UVA football players who advocate for racial and social justice. Despite his busy social, academic, and athletic life in Charlottesville, Tyler never forgot his roots in South Carolina and returned regularly to Woodland High School to mentor and motivate students to pursue their dreams.

Tyler was a devout Christian, and his love of God was fostered at Bethel AME Church. The principles of his faith guided him throughout his life and shaped his resilient character. He is lovingly remembered by his parents, Thaddeus and Fallom, his two younger siblings, Taniya Skylar and Teigan Jeremiah Hollins Davis, his grandparents, Monroe and Cynthia Lampkin, Thaddeus (Deloris) Davis and Linda Varner, and his great grandfather, Herman Davis.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the life of Lavel "Tyler" Norman Davis, Jr. Despite his youth, he touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed. As we remember him and mourn his loss, may we draw strength from the very resilience and kindness that led Tyler to live such an impactful life.

TRIBUTE TO LESTER R. SUTTON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Lester R. Sutton was honored. Lester served our nation in the United States Coast Guard and held the rank of Storekeeper Third Class. He was awarded with the National Defense Service Medal, First Coast Guard Good Conduct Award, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal during his time serving in the Coast Guard. Lester retired from the Coast Guard in 1973 after 8 years of exemplary service. I am so proud of Lester for his time in the United States Coast Guard, and I want to thank him for his dedication to our great nation. God Bless Lester, and God Bless our America.